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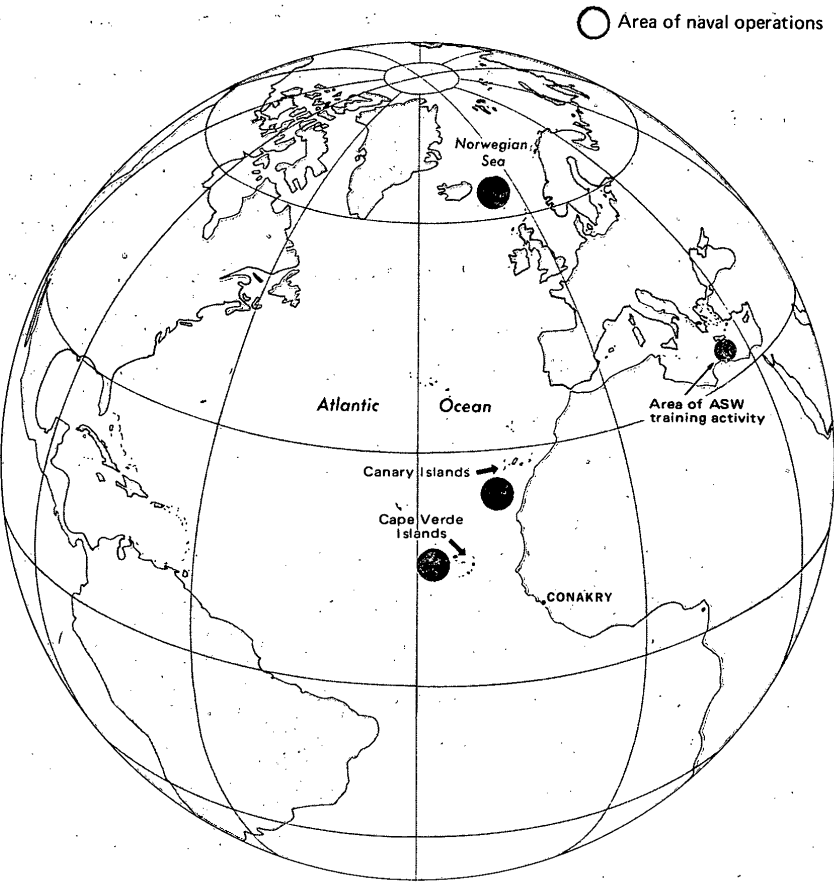
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USSR Increases Naval Presence in the Atlantic

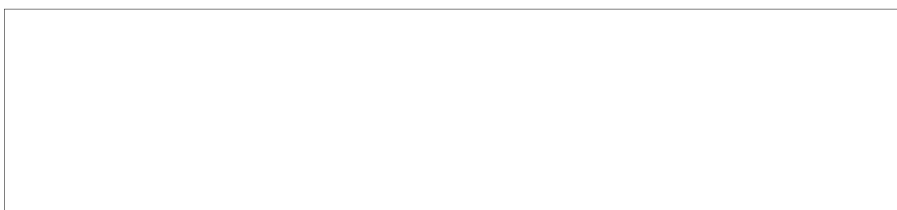


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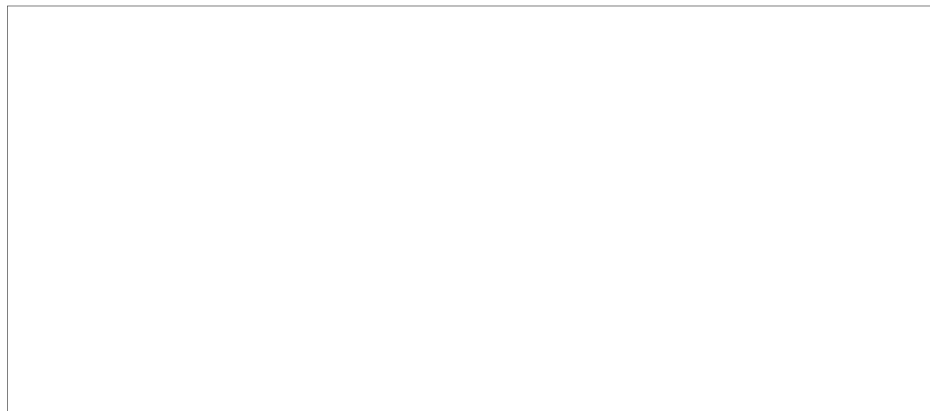
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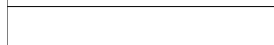


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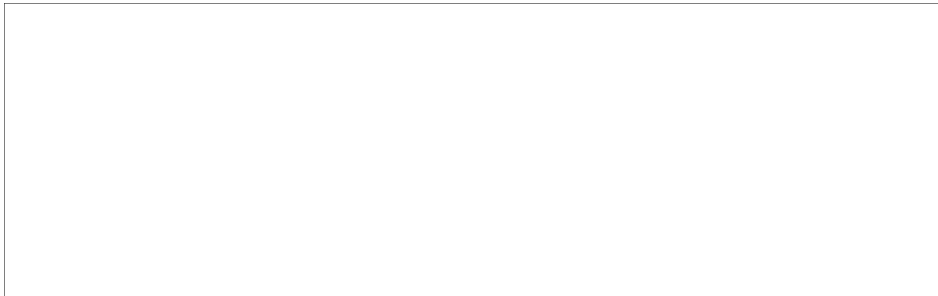
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SOVIET AFFAIRS

The Soviet Navy has been unusually active in the last ten days:

--Five surface ships came out of the Northern Fleet area on Saturday, 

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Some of these may

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be on the way to relieve units that have been in the Mediterranean since April.

--The Soviet warships that visited Cuba last month have split into two groups. Three of the ships are in the Canary Islands area; four others are near Cape Verde and may be headed for Guinea.

--Another naval group is off the Canary Islands, probably on its way to the Indian Ocean.

--Antisubmarine training centered around the helicopter cruiser Moskva is continuing in the central Mediterranean.

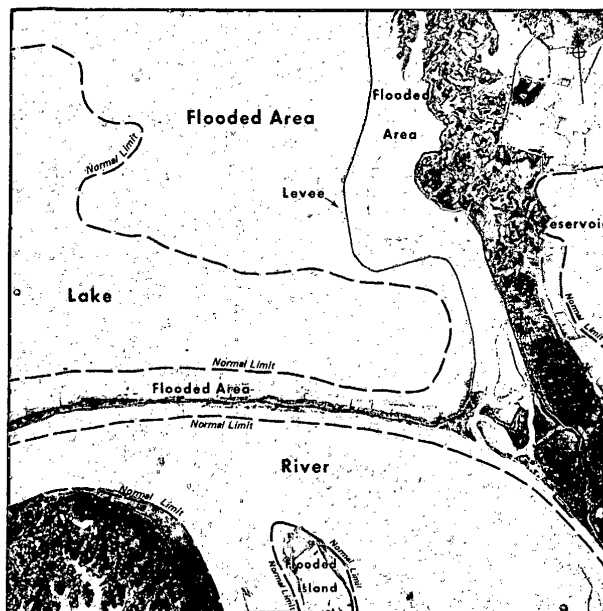
--An amphibious force east of Cyprus is expected to join Egyptian units soon in exercises west of Alexandria.

None of these moves has any particularly aggressive overtones. They are an outgrowth, rather, of the longstanding Soviet efforts to carry out more extensive naval activity away from home waters.

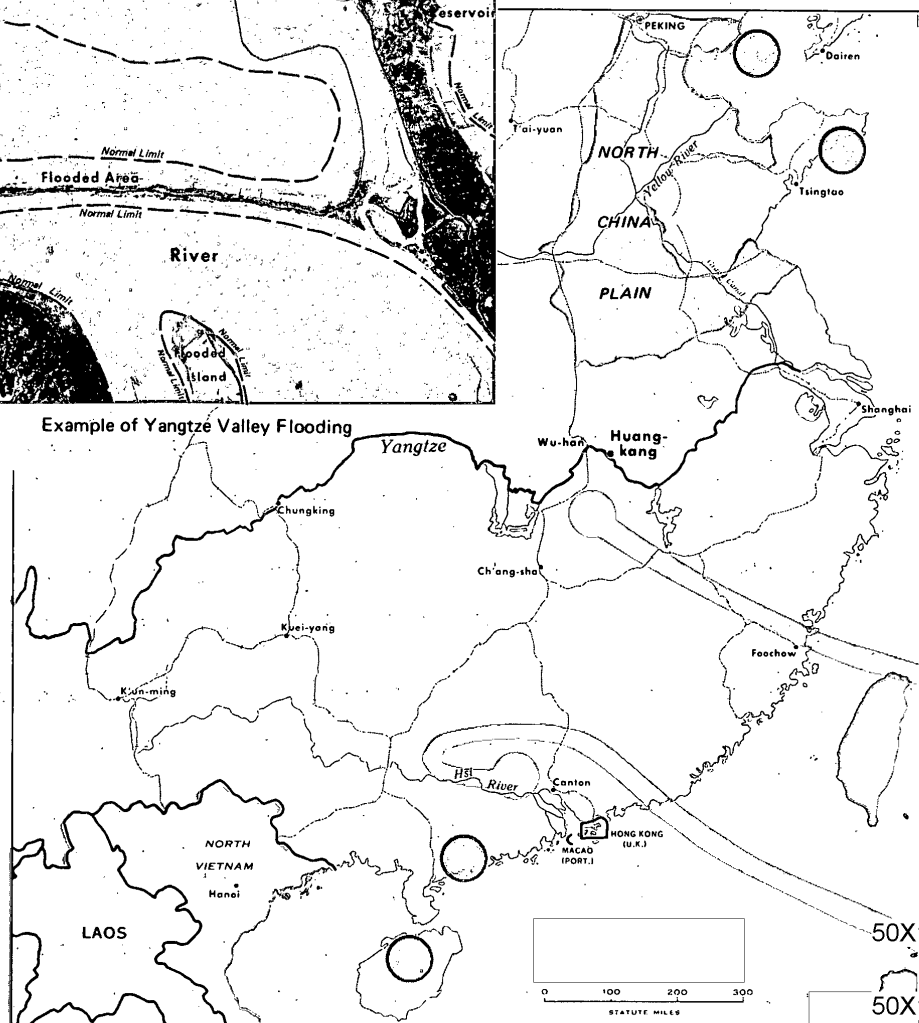
INDIA

Prime Minister Gandhi has won another round in her struggle with old guard Congress Party leaders. Their attempt to censure her for supporting victorious presidential candidate V. V. Giri failed yesterday when the party's executive body decided to take no action on the matter.

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Southeastern China Hit By Floods Earthquakes and Typhoons



 Typhoon track

 Area earthquake reported

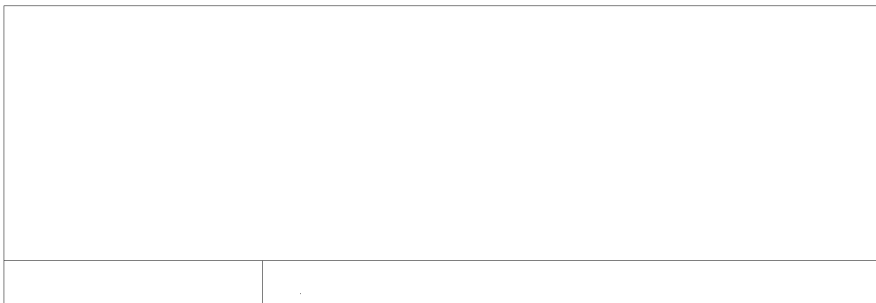
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COMMUNIST CHINA

The worst flooding of the Yangtze River in recent years occurred last month. We do not yet know the extent of the damage, but recent satellite photography shows considerable inundation of villages and destruction of crops in some of the hardest hit areas, such as the important agricultural region around Wuhan. Other natural disasters that have hit Communist China this summer include several earthquakes and two typhoons.

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